HISTORIC FIRST ALL-IRELAND CLUB CHAMPIONS

For the first time ever, Ballinasloe's Mixed Seniors team are All-Ireland Champions for 2023, crowned at the Knightsbrook Golf Club in County Meath.

Their Mixed Foursome Team have been on a roll, advancing through the All-Ireland championships, claiming the Connacht Title after defeating Barna in the provincial finals, taking three wins to push them over the line.

Through to the national quarter-finals, the club were set against reigning champions Warrenpoint which culminated at Mannan Castle. Despite a close match, the local squad won out with Aiden Grenham securing the final putt.

The weekend of September 16th and 17th was climatic for the golfers to say the least. That Saturday, they faced Tipperary in the semis and secured their victory with wins by Aidan Grenham and Lena Donohue, Mark Conneely and Mary Goode, along with Jamie Corbett and Noreen Kenny.

Only the following day, they were back out on the course for the decider clashing heads with Malahide. Ballinasloe emerged victorious, securing three early wins to defeat their Dublin counterparts.

"I'm chuffed, thrilled for our team and club" beams Ballinasloe captain John Hurley, "there must have been no one left in Ballinasloe today, the support that came up here to Knightsbrook was immense."

"The shouts and roars I heard around the golf course I will take with me for a long, long time. I am so proud of my team."

The Ballinasloe golfers recently concluded their major competitions with Brendan Naughton taking home the Angela Lyons President's Prize, Maura Kelly the Rita Staunton's Lady Captain's Prize and Michael Brassil the Andy Fenton Senior Men's Prize. The John Donnellan Captain's Prize will be reported in in subsequent editions.

U16's Issac Oliver continues to make his name known abroad, now representing Ireland in Italy following his break at the McGregor Trophy. The upcomer also recorded a recent victory at the U16 Boys Munster Open.

Niall Conneely placed third in the All-Ireland U14 Amateur Open, while at home John William Burke won the Connacht U14 and U16 Open Championships. Both Niall and John competed in the Connacht Close U15's, placing third and second respectively.

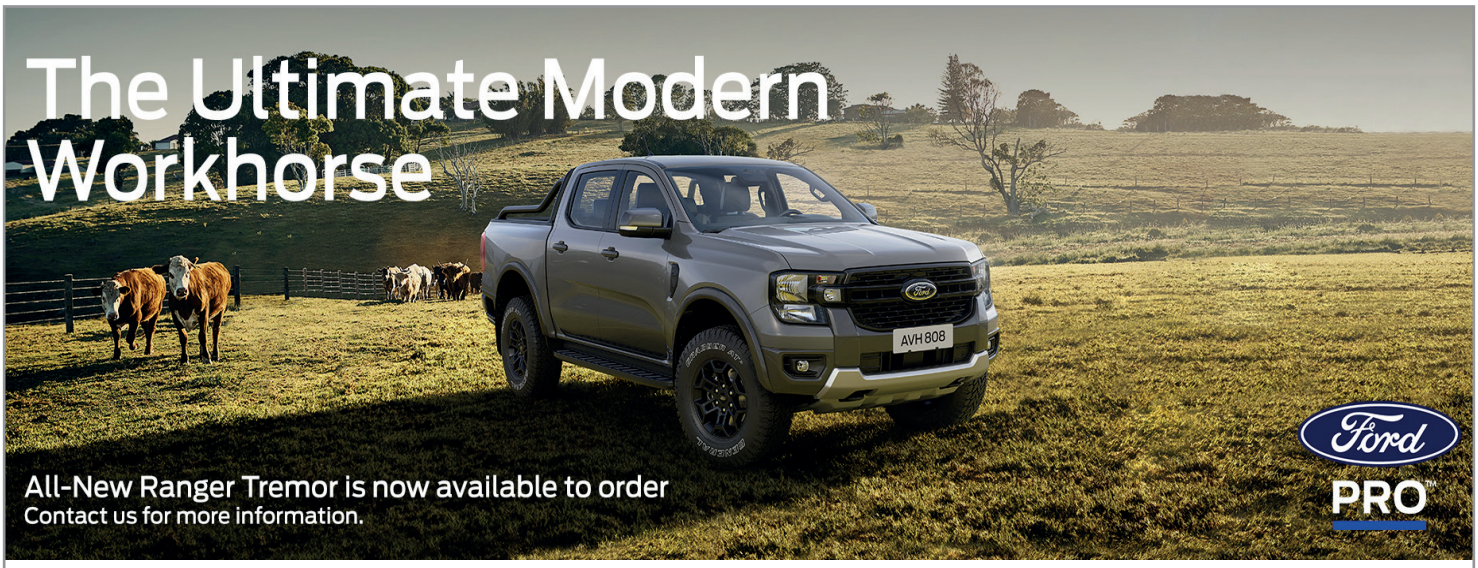
Some junior competitors have been hitting their stride with Caoimhe Flanagan taking second place in the Girls 13's, while Senan Greene placed third in his first ever competition in the Boys 8's.

The Club had the pleasure of hosting the South Connacht Golf Sixes league between themselves, Athlone Golf Club, Roscommon Golf Club and Loughrea Golf Club. The Sixes tourney aims to develop the skills of beginning junior golfers, where teams of six U13 players compete over six holes which are no more than 150 meters.

Their next Open Classic event will run from September 21 to 24, a four-person team event where visitors are welcome to play.

If you are interested in joining the golf club, please you can phone their office at (090) 964 2126 or email ballinasloegolfclub@hotmail.com to discuss options.

Ballinasloe's Mixed Team, All-Ireland Champions for 2023.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